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August 10, 2007

Mrs. Maureen O'Reilly
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Dear Mrs. O'Reilly:

The Bureau of Land Management, St. George Field Office has been involved in a number of remediation actions in the Silver Reef Mining District, in Washington County, just west of the town of Leeds, approximately 15 miles from St. George, Utah on lands administered by the St. George Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). In 1996 remediation operations were conducted on a leach pad at the Leeds Silver Reclamation site (CERCLIS # UTD981550619) and again in 1999 for the nearby Leeds 5-Stamp Mill Site (UTD960337) where additional tailings were added to the existing capped leach pad. The leach pad site was constructed in 1978 and in operation through 1983 (plan of operations U-71165), in T. 41 S. R. 14 W. Sec. 1 SW1/4SE1/4 and Sec. 12 NW1/4 NE1/4 by 5M Inc. of Hurricane, Utah.

On June 25 through June 29, 2007 the BLM conducted removal and reclamation operations on an abandoned and vandalized transformer that had been drained of its cooling oil onto the existing pad and the adjacent riparian area. The site is on the old unpatented California No. 2 mining claim (MS7353) and part of the same 5 M Inc. operations site that was the subject of the two past remediation efforts. The 1978 5M Inc. plan of operations shows a map of utilities with power lines meeting on the California 2 mining claim. The site is located on a tributary drainage of Leeds Creek (between Silver Reef and Buckeye Reef) in T. 41 S., R. 14 W., sec. 12, SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4.

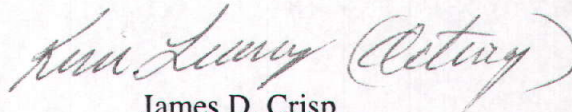
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The BLM is requesting any information or assistance to verify the potential responsible party search carried out for these remedial actions taken at the Leeds Silver Reef site. A copy of the appropriate documents for our files would fulfill our requirements and prevent the needless duplication of work already completed, as well as the additional cost. If you have any questions regarding the points in this letter, please contact Russell Schreiner at (435) 688-3205.

Sincerely,



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